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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-245; RM-9202]

Radio Broadcasting Services; St. Marys, WV

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Seven Ranges Radio Company, Inc., proposing the allotment of Channel 287A St. Marys, West Virginia, as the community second local FM transmission service. Channel 287A can be allotted to St. Marys in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 10.8 kilometers (6.7 miles) southeast to avoid a short-spacing to the licensed site of Station WZNW(FM), Channel 288B1, Bethlehem, West Virginia. The coordinates for Channel 387A at St. Marys are North Latitude 39-18-03 and West Longitude 81-15-19. Since St. Marys is located within 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S.-Canadian border, concurrence of the Canadian government has been requested.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before February 9, 1998, and reply comments on or before February 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, his counsel, or consultant, as follows: Thomas P. Taggart, Esq., P.O. Box 374, St. Marys, West Virginia 26170 (Counsel for Petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sharon P. McDonald, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 97-245, adopted December 10, 1997, and released December 19, 1997. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, Washington, DC 20036.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

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[MM Docket No. 97-246; RM-9205]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Walla Walla, WA, and Hermiston, OR

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Mark Jacky Broadcasting proposing the substitution of Channel 256C2 for Channel 256C3 at Walla Walla, Washington, and the modification of Station KUJ-FM's construction permit accordingly. To accommodate the upgrade, petitioner also requests the

substitution of Channel 258A for Channel 257A at Hermiston, Oregon, and the modification of Station KQFM(FM)'s license accordingly. Channel 256C2 can be substituted at Walla Walla in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements without the imposition of a site restriction at petitioner's requested site. The coordinates for Channel 256C2 at Walla Walla are North Latitude 45-59-38 and West Longitude 118-10-47. Additionally, Channel 258A can be substituted at Hermiston in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements at Station KQFM(FM)'s presently authorized site. The coordinates for Channel 258A at Hermiston are North Latitude 45-51-57 and West Longitude 119-18-45.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before February 9, 1998, and reply comments on or before February 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, his counsel, or consultant, as follows: Robert Lewis Thompson, Esq., Taylor, Thiemann & Aitken, L.C., 908 King Street, Suite 300, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 (Counsel for Petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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